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# AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8.6% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 15 -- Airline passenger traffic rose by 8.6 percent in September, compared with September a year ago, and was up 3.9 percent for the first nine months of the year, the Air Transport Association said today.

Domestic passenger traffic in September increased by 7.9 percent. Available seat miles were up 6.6 percent, and load factor increased from 54.2 percent to 54.8 percent.

U.S. international passenger air traffic registered a gain of 11.2 percent in September. Available seat miles were up 7.0 percent. The load factor was 70.6 percent, up from 68.0 percent for the same month a year earlier.

For the first nine months of 1984, domestic passenger air traffic rose 2.6 percent. Available seat miles were up 8.3 percent. The load factor was 57.5 percent, down from 60.7 percent for the first nine months of last year.

International passenger traffic during the first nine months rose 10.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.1 percent. The load factor was 66.6 percent, up from 64.7 percent a year earlier.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1984 - 1983

| | | SEPTEMBER | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | RPM'S (000) | PCT | ASM'S (000) | PCT | LOAD FACTOR | RPM'S (000) | PCT | ASM'S (000) | PCT | LOAD FACTOR |
| DOMESTIC | YEAR | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAJORS | 84 | 14,420,811 | 5.8 | 26,214,206 | 4.6 | 55.0 | 140,248,250 | 0.7 | 242,311,555 | 6.3 | 57.9 |
| | 83 | 13,625,494 | | 25,059,364 | | 54.4 | 139,332,653 | | 227,980,857 | | 61.1 |
| NATIONALS | 84 | 2,013,540 | 25.6 | 3,773,447 | 23.3 | 53.4 | 18,263,494 | 20.1 | 33,138,152 | 25.2 | 55.1 |
| | 83 | 1,603,459 | | 3,061,582 | | 52.4 | 15,206,038 | | 26,474,566 | | 57.4 |
| TOTAL | 84 | 16,434,351 | 7.9 | 29,987,653 | 6.6 | 54.8 | 158,511,744 | 2.6 | 275,449,707 | 8.3 | 57.5 |
| | 83 | 15,228,953 | | 28,120,946 | | 54.2 | 154,538,691 | | 254,455,423 | | 60.7 |
| INTERNATIONAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAJORS | 84 | 4,442,871 | 10.6 | 6,286,888 | 6.1 | 70.7 | 34,768,435 | 10.6 | 52,221,683 | 7.1 | 66.6 |
| | 83 | 4,015,774 | | 5,923,420 | | 67.8 | 31,440,417 | | 48,778,683 | | 64.5 |
| NATIONALS | 84 | 100,693 | 42.1 | 147,893 | 66.9 | 68.1 | 573,785 | -11.0 | 850,952 | 8.7 | 67.4 |
| | 83 | 70,870 | | 88,608 | | 80.0 | 644,879 | | 783,186 | | 82.3 |
| TOTAL | 84 | 4,543,564 | 11.2 | 6,434,781 | 7.0 | 70.6 | 35,342,220 | 10.2 | 53,072,635 | 7.1 | 66.6 |
| | 83 | 4,086,644 | | 6,012,028 | | 68.0 | 32,085,296 | | 49,561,869 | | 64.7 |
| SYSTEM TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAJORS | 84 | 18,863,682 | 6.9 | 32,501,094 | 4.9 | 58.0 | 175,016,685 | 2.5 | 294,533,238 | 6.4 | 59.4 |
| | 83 | 17,641,268 | | 30,982,784 | | 56.9 | 170,773,070 | | 276,759,540 | | 61.7 |
| NATIONALS | 84 | 2,114,233 | 26.3 | 3,921,340 | 24.5 | 53.9 | 18,837,279 | 18.8 | 33,989,104 | 24.7 | 55.4 |
| | 83 | 1,674,329 | | 3,150,190 | | 53.2 | 15,850,917 | | 27,257,752 | | 58.2 |
| TOTAL | 84 | 20,977,915 | 8.6 | 36,422,434 | 6.7 | 57.6 | 193,853,964 | 3.9 | 328,522,342 | 8.1 | 59.0 |
| | 83 | 19,315,597 | | 34,132,974 | | 56.6 | 186,623,987 | | 304,017,292 | | 61.4 |

NOTES:
(1) CARRIERS INCLUDED: MAJORS - AMERICAN, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR AND WESTERN.

NATIONALS - AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, CAPITOL, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK, PIEDMONT AND PSA.

(2) CONTINENTAL DATA AND NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL DATA ARE NOT INCLUDED.